

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A slidably detachable core member comprising a body  
section defining a hollow cylinder and a sliding  
5 section integrally connected with one axial end of  
said body section, said sliding section having  
flexibility permitting it to be turned over and laid  
on an outer circumferential surface of said body  
section, characterized in that:  
10 said body section includes a plurality of plate-like  
portions capable of being combined with each other to  
form said hollow cylinder; and  
each of said plate-like portions is individually  
provided with said sliding section in an adjacent  
15 manner.
2. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 1,  
wherein said plate-like portions comprise mutually  
independent parts.  
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3. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 1,  
wherein said body section further includes a joint  
portion pivotably connecting said plate-like portions  
with each other, said plate-like portions mutually  
25 adjoining in a form of said hollow cylinder.
4. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 3,  
wherein said joint portion is structured to deform  
under an external force to allow said mutually  
30 adjoining plate-like portions to be pivoted.
5. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 1,  
wherein said plate-like portions are respectively

provided with engagable end faces capable of being engaged with each other in a form of said hollow cylinder; and wherein said body section further includes reinforcing portions formed in peripheral end regions, including said engagable end faces, of said plate-like portions for holding said plate-like portions in a form of said hollow cylinder against an external force.

6. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 5, wherein said reinforcing portions are formed in said engagable end faces, adapted to be engaged with each other, of said mutually adjoining plate-like portions, and respectively include concave and convex configurations detachably fitted with each other.

7. A slidably detachable core member according to claim 6, further comprising fastening sections releasably fastening said sliding section, turned over and laid on said outer circumferential surface of said body section, on said outer circumferential surface.

8. A cold shrink tube unit comprising an elastic tube member with an opening end and a hollow cylindrical core member removably provided inside a seal region of said elastic tube member, having a predetermined length from said opening end, to hold said seal region in an elastically expanded state, characterized in that:

said core member comprises said slidably detachable core member as set forth in claim 1;

said slidably detachable core member is provided inside said seal region with said sliding

section turned over and laid on said outer circumferential surface of said body section and interposed between said body section and said seal region of said elastic tube member.

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